

State Of South Dakota EXECUTIVE PROCLAMATION FOR VALOR

Office Of The Governor

During the winter of '81, on a cold and icy day in December--Friday, the fourth, to be exact--eleven-year-old Junior Girl Scout Desari Erickson became a bona fide heroine in the eyes of South Dakotans. That evening, while walking outside in Lead, Desari was taking special care when crossing the dangerously slippery streets. Suddenly, she spotted a woman who, either in her haste to get home or with her mind on other things, had stepped out in front of an approaching car.

"She didn't see the car coming because a truck was in the way," suggested Desari, "and the car started sliding on the ice." Instantly, it became obvious to Miss Erickson that the car would be unable to stop on the glassy pavement. So while the hearts of eyewitnesses skipped a beat in frightened anticipation of the impending tragedy, Desari Erickson kept a cool head and saved a woman's life. In the blink of an eye, and before she knew what hadn't hit her, a lucky woman from Lead had been pulled from peril by the lifesaving arms of a quick-witted Girl Scout from Troop 2160.

At that moment, Desari was a heroine. Not because she thought it would earn her a community Safety Award from her Girl Scout Troop--which it did, and not because she thought it would bring her the respect and admiration of the citizens of her community--which it has, but because as a true heroine, Desari felt an unselfish compassion for a woman in deadly danger. She knew that failure to act immediately could have meant the difference between life and death to a fellow human being. Because of an heroic act by Desari Erickson, a woman from Lead lived to see a Merry Christmas in 1981 . . . and many Happy New Years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the valor of

DESARI ERICKSON

and I am pleased to join Desari and all her friends and relatives in congratulating this fine young lady for her quick thinking and concern. We are all very proud of the example she has set for her fellow South Dakotans.



ATTEST:

Alice Kundert
ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

BY *Jay D. Vogt*
JAY D. VOGT, DEPUTY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of September, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Two

William J. Janklow
WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

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